

## Adventure Books

Join real and fictional adventurers on a summer of discovery! Start with the book of interviews listed below or check out the booklists under each category.

Cummings, Pat. *Talking with Adventurers*.

12 scientists describe their scariest moments and biggest discoveries. Ages 9-12

### Amusement Park Adventures

Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *The Berenstain Bears Visit Fun Park*.

Will the Thunderbolt Ride really be fun? Ages 5-8

Cook, Nick. *Rollercoasters or I Had So Much Fun, I Almost Puked*.

How do they make those thrilling rides? Ages 8-10

Frazee, Marla. *Roller Coaster*.

Do you remember your very first ride? It's an adventure worth some courage and lots of screams. Ages 4-7

Greenberg, Dan. *Amusement Park Science*.

See which scientific forces are at work when you ride the Ferris wheel, the roller coaster and the bumper cars. Ages 9-11

### Close to Home Adventures

Burningham, John. *Come Away from the Water, Shirley*.

There's a lot more going on at the beach than Shirley's parents realize. Shirley knows. Ages 5-7

Cameron, Ann. *Julian Secret Agent*.

The adventures begin when Julian, his little brother and friend Gloria decide to become "crime-busters." Ages 7-10

Danziger, Paula. *What a Trip, Amber Brown*.

The Pocono Mountains would be a lot more fun without Justin's tag-along brother Danny. Ages 5-8

DeFelice, Cynthia. *The Ghost of Fossil Glen*.

The mysterious voice helped Allie when she was stuck on a cliff, but when a journal suddenly appeared in her room, things get downright spooky. Ages 9-11

Eager, Edward. *Seven-Day Magic*.

A book brings magic for one week to five children who must learn by trial and many errors how to control it. Ages 9-11

Fleischman, Paul. *Weslandia*.

If you could create a whole civilization in your back yard, what would it be like? Wesley is a natural inventor ...and creates Weslandia. Ages 5-10

Funke, Cornelia. *Inkheart*.

What if the characters in the books you read came to life? Or you could enter their world. Just remember...there are some villains in those books. Ages 10-14

Hobbs, Will. *Jackie's Wild Seattle*.

Shannon and her kid brother are spending the summer after 9/11 helping their uncle at a wildlife rescue center. Danger and challenges await... Ages 10-13

Johnson, Crockett. *Harold and the Purple Crayon*.

Harold uses his purple crayon to get into and out of adventures. Ages 4-7

Landon, Lucy. *Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery on Main Street*.

Check the pictures as well as the text as you try to solve this mystery with Meg. Or maybe you can solve it before she does. Ages 8-10

Stanley, Diane. *Moe the Dog in Tropical Paradise*.

Dreaming of the beach when it's freezing cold outside, Moe comes up with a bright idea. Ages 4-7

Taylor, William. *Henry the Explorer*.

Henry and his dog set off to explore his neighborhood and mark his conquests with flags with an "H" on them. Ages 5-8

Wiesner, David. *Three Little Pigs*.

You think you know this story. The wolf huffs and puffs and...blows the pigs right off the pages? When everyone gets back on the page, what will happen to the wolf? Ages 6-10

### Cold Adventures

Armstrong, Jennifer. *Spirit of Endurance: the True Story of the Shackleton Expedition to the Antarctic*. Survival under the harshest conditions for explorers to Antarctica. Ages 9-11

Blake, Robert J. *Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod*.

Even with an injury, lead dog Akiak must find a way to guide her sled dog team to victory. Ages 5-8

Bredeson, Carmen. *After the Last Dog Died*.

Only one of these explorers would make it back from Antarctica. Ages 10-13

Chester, Jonathan. *The Young Adventurer's Guide to Everest: From Avalanche to Zopkiok*.

Everything you need to know for the ultimate challenge. Ages 8-10

Curlee, Lynn. *Into the Ice: the Story of Arctic Exploration*.

A history of the dangerous and sometimes fatal expeditions into this unfriendly environment.  
Ages 9-11

Ehrlich, Gretel. *Blizzard Year*.

Timmy writes in her diary about the year her family might lose their ranch in Wyoming if a blizzard comes at the wrong moment. Just because she's 13 doesn't mean she can't help.  
Ages 10-12

Houston, James. *Frozen Fire: A Tale of Courage*.

Matt hopes his determination to find his father and his friend Kayak's survival skills will be enough to locate his missing father in the Canadian Arctic. Ages 11-13

Jenkins, Steve. *To the Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest*.

Everything you'd need to get ready for a climb up the tallest mountain in the world. Ages 7-11

Pullman, Philip. *The Golden Compass*.

Destiny has determined that Lyra will play an important role in saving the world, and it all begins when she listens to a secret report and sets off on a mission to the far north. Ages 10&up

Webb, Sophie. *My Season with Penguins: An Antarctic Journal*.

This scientist studies penguins using both new tracking devices and traditional sketches and notes. But how does she keep her paints from freezing in the Antarctic cold? Ages 8-12

### Pirate Adventures

Dubowski, Cathy East. *Pirate School*.

Pete and his classmate Grimy learn the ropes from Captain Bones. Ages 6-8

Gibbons, Gail. *Pirates: Robbers of the High Seas*.

Get the scoop on famous pirates and undiscovered treasures along with the basics about pirating.  
Ages 6-9

Helquist, Brett. *Roger, the Jolly Pirate*.

Maybe you don't know how the pirate flag got the name the "jolly roger" or what a cake has to do with it. Ages 5-8

Hutchins, Pat. *One-Eyed Jake*.

Can a pirate have too much treasure? Ages 4-7

Long, Melinda. *How I Became a Pirate*.

Jeremy discovers that pirates don't have to eat their vegetables, but then they have green teeth if any at all. They do have adventures on the high seas. Ages 5-8

McCully, Emily Arnold. *Pirate Queen*.

Tha amazing Irish woman behind the legendary pirate. Ages 7-9

McPhail, David. *Edward and the Pirates*.

Pirates want to take away Edward's library book about Lost Pirate Treasure. Ages 5-7

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Pirates Past Noon*.

When the Magic Tree House sends Jack and Annie into a pirate world, they wonder if they will have to walk the plank. Ages 7-9

Scieszka, Jon. *The Not-So-Jolly Roger*.

The Time Warp Trio runs into Blackbeard burying treasure. Oh, no. Oh, yes. Trouble again. Ages 8-10

### Quests

Alexander, Lloyd. *The Book of Three*.

When a pig with magic powers runs away, Taran must follow and find out if he can be the hero he has always dreamed of becoming. Ages 9-12

Avi. *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*.

An orphan accused of murder must seek his true identity while journeying from his village for the first time. Ages 9-12

Bulla, Clyde. *The Sword in the Tree*.

Maybe King Arthur can help Shan regain his father's castle. At least he has been able to hide the family sword in a safe place. Ages 8-10

Coville, Bruce. *Into the Land of the Unicorns*.

Cara is holding an amulet when she falls into the land of Luster. There she must confront Firethroat the Dragon and the truth about her own father. Ages 9-11

DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tale of Despereaux*.

A small mouse must summon all his courage to save a princess from the evil rats. Ages 8-11

DuPrau, Jeanne. *City of Ember*.

Can Lina and Doon find a way to escape Ember before all its systems fail? Ages 10-12

Wrede, Patricia. *Dealing with Dragons*

Princess Cimorene wants to learn magic, even if she is a girl and even if she has to learn from dragons. Ages 10-14

### Space Adventures

Cameron, Eleanor. *Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet*.

Chuck and David must help the Mushroom people, but first they have to build a space ship to get to their planet. Ages 8-11

Cazet, Denys. *Minnie and Moo Go to the Moon*.

Two curious cows take the farmer's tractor for a trip to the moon. Ages 4-7

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. *Blast Off! Poems about Space*.

3, 2, 1 poetry. Ages 6-8

L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time*.

Meg's mission to rescue her father puts her younger brother Charles Wallace in danger.

Ages 9-12

Lubka, Ruth S. *Pupniks: The Story of Two Space Dogs*.

It's true. Before people went into space, two dogs made the trip. Ages 5-8

Schyffert, Bea Uusma. *The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins*. While one giant step was taken for mankind, this astronaut circled the moon alone. Ages 9-11

### Travel Adventures

Allen, Christina. *Hippos in the Night*.

Surrounded by hippos? Eating camel meat? Bicycling through thick dust? This is Christina Allen's story as she travels to East Africa to join an expedition of scientists. Ages 8-11

Brown, Don. *Alice Ramsey's Grand Adventure*.

In 1909 the travel bug bit Alice Ramsey. She drove across country despite bad roads, bad weather and bad directions. She wrote all about it in a journal for the 59-day trip. Ages 5-8

Brown, Don. *Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa*.

Mary spent her first 30 years caring for her parents and only traveling through books. At 30, she began her travels in Africa and wrote about them in books for others to read. Ages 8-9

Christensen, Bonnie. *The Daring Nellie Bly: America's Star Reporter*.

This famous, daredevil reporter of the late 1800's went around the world in fewer than 80 days, choosing an unlikely career for a woman of her era. Ages 7-10

Crews, Nina. *You Are Here*.

Stuck inside on a rainy day, Mariah and Joy create a magic map to take them on a fantastic journey around the world. Ages 5-8

Hobbie, Holly. *Toot & Puddle*.

Puddle is happy at home getting surprise postcards from all the places his best friend Toot visits during a thrilling year of travel. Ages 4-7

Lawson, Janet. *Audrey and Barbara*.

Audrey wants to see the Taj Mahal in India, but her cat, Barbara, would much rather lie on her pillow. Whose wish will come true? Ages 4-7

Lewis, J. Patrick. *A World of Wonders: Geographic Travels in Verse and Rhyme*.  
Travel through poems to faraway places. Ages 3-6

Ringgold, Faith. *Tar Beach*.  
Even when stuck in the city with only a roof to lie on, Cassie's imagination let's her soar. Ages 6-10

Saul, Carol P. *Someplace Else*.  
Old Mrs. Tilby has lived all her life in one place and itches to move on. A shiny silver trailer helps her solve her problem. Ages 5-8

Stephoe, Javaka. *The Jones Family Express*.  
Steven finally comes up with the perfect gift for his Aunt who sends him great postcards from her world travels. Ages 5-8

Williams, Vera. *Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea*.  
A scrapbook of the postcards and pictures sent home by Stringbean when he joins his brother Fred on a trip in Fred's old truck from Kansas to the Pacific Ocean. Ages 6-9

#### Western Adventures

Brenner, Barbara. *Wagon Wheels*.  
An African-American boy travels with his pioneering family to Kansas where his wilderness adventures begin. Ages 7-9

Durbin, William. *Song of Sampo Lake*.  
Leaving Finland behind was hard enough. Then working the dangerous mines. And now Matti's family heads to their homestead, determined to build a new life in America. It won't be easy. Ages 10-12

Erdrich, Louise. *The Birchbark House*.  
An Ojibwa girl faces a harsh winter and disease in the course of the year 1847. Ages 9-11

Failing, Barbara Larmon. *Lasso Lou and Cowboy McCoy*.  
McCoy decides to become a cowboy because he likes the hat. When he gets to the Bo-Dee-Oh Ranch, he is lucky to have Lasso Lou show him the ropes so he can be a real cowboy. Ages 4-7

Fleischman, Sid. *Bo and Mzzz Mad*.  
A lost gold mine, a treasure map, feuding families, rascally villains and two feisty kids combine in a ghost town. Ages 9-12

Gerrard, Roy. *Wagons West*.  
Buckskin Dan leads this wagon train west. Ages 5-9

Greene, Stephanie. *Owen Foote, Frontiersman*

Owen and his friend Joseph protect their tree fort from bullies, just the way they think Daniel Boone would have. Ages 7-9

Harness, Cheryl. *They're Off! The Story of the Pony Express.*

How many riders were there and how many years was the mail delivered this way? Ages 7-10

Hooks, William H. *Pioneer Cat.*

Kate hides a cat on their wagon despite a buffalo stampede and a dangerous river crossing. In the end, it's a good thing she has Snuggs along. Ages 8-10

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. *As Far as the Eye Can Reach: Lewis and Clark's Westward Quest.*

The famous expedition from beginning to end, with many entries reproduced from Lewis and Clark's actual journals. Ages 9-11

King, David C. *Pioneer Days: Discover the Past with Fun Projects, Games, Activities, and Recipes.* Fun facts about the life of a fictional family, with hands-on activities that follow the seasons. Making Rhode Island's famous jonnycakes is included as is Native American sandpainting. Ages 9-11

Kroll, Steven. *Pony Express.*

Imagine! The mail could move across the country in just 10 days. Well, in 1860 when a series of riders took the mail on horseback despite dangers and difficulties, that was making good time. Ages 7-10

Kurtz, Jane. *I'm Sorry, Almira Ann.*

Along the Oregon Trail, Sarah must deal with bad weather, a stubborn cow and her own jealousy of her closest friend. Will they make it to Oregon and will they still be friends? Ages 7-10

Levine, Ellen. *If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon.*

Answers your questions about life on the Oregon Trail. Ages 8-10

Levitin, Sonia. *Nine for California.*

Mama and her five children are riding the stagecoach west to join Pa who is panning for gold. Mama's sack of "everything they'll need" turns out to be the real treasure in one desperate situation after another. Ages 4-9

Moeri, Louise. *The Devil in Ol' Rosie.*

Can Wart survive on the range and rescue the family's horses? Ages 9-11

Moss, Marissa. *Rachel's Journal : The Story of a Pioneer Girl.*

In her best handwriting and little drawings, this 10-year-old tells of the adventures on her covered wagon trip to California, a trip that takes courage and patience and the willingness to make an unexpected friend. Ages 8-11

Stanley, Diane. *Roughing It on the Oregon Trail*.

Grandmother's magic hat sends the Time-Traveling Twins, Liz and Lenny, back to 1843 on the Oregon Trail. Move over Ms. Frizzle! Ages 7-10

Stanley, Diane. *Saving Sweetness*.

Sweetness, the "ittiest, bittiest" orphan, runs away. The sheriff tries to save her from the dangers of the desert and outlaw Coyote Pete, but Sweetness can save herself and surprise the sheriff.

Ages 4-8

Timberlake, Amy. *The Dirty Cowboy*.

This filthy, flea-infested cowboy decides it's time for his once-a-year bath. His dog no longer knows his smell and won't give him his clothes back. Sounds like a fight's a-brewing. Ages 4-8

Wright, Courtni C. *Wagon Train*.

After the Civil War, Ginny's family is freed from slavery and makes the dangerous trip from Virginia to a new life in California. Ages 7-9

Yep, Laurence. *The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner*.

Runt was headed from China to California in 1852 to join his uncle in the Gold Rush. Whatever happens, it will all be recorded in his journal. Ages 9-11

#### Wet Adventures

Avi. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*.

Home in Providence seems a long way off when Charlotte sails in 1832 with a ruthless Captain and a mutinous crew. By the time she reaches land, she must decide who is right and who is wrong. Ages 10-13

Calhoun, Mary. *Henry the Sailor Cat*.

Henry the cat is sailing when a man goes overboard. What can he do to help? Ages 4-7

Creech, Sharon. *The Wanderer*.

Cousins Sophie and Cody keep journals during their sailboat trip across the Atlantic. Crashing storm waves threaten their survival and force them to face truths about themselves and their family. Ages 10-14

Edwards, Roberta. *Five Silly Fisherman*.

Oh, no! One of the fishermen has drowned...or has he? Ages 4-7

Gibbons, Gail. *Sunken Treasure*.

How is sunken treasure located and raised from the bottom of the sea? Ages 6-9

Hill, Christine. *Robert Ballard, Oceanographer Who Discovered the Titanic*.

The amazing career of the underwater explorer who is now at the University of Rhode Island. Ages 10-13



Hopkinson, Deborah. *Birdie's Lighthouse*.

10-year-old Birdie records in her journal the changes of the seasons living off the coast of Maine and her feelings about being so isolated. Suddenly her father is taken ill in the middle of a storm, and observant Birdie must run the light and guide boats to safety. Ages 5-9

Krupinski, Loretta. *Bluewater Journal : The Voyage of the Sea Tiger*.

During his family's trip in 1860 by clipper ship from Boston to Honolulu, Benjamin records and draws in his journal, noting the wildlife along the route. Ages 6-9

London, Jonathan and Aaron. *White Water*.

Books aren't the only thing you can read. A boy learns from his father how to read the river rapids during a rafting trip in Utah. Ages 6-9

Morpurgo, Michael. *Kensuke's Kingdom*.

Washed overboard, Michael must survive on an island that turns out to be not completely deserted. Ages 9-12

Paulsen, Gary. *The Voyage of the Frog*.

Stranded! Now what? There's only salt water and sharks between David and home if he can survive on seven cans of food. Ages 10-14

Peterson, P.J. *White Water*.

When Dad is bitten by a rattlesnake in the middle of their rafting trip, Greg is suddenly in charge of steering them through the rapids. Ages 10-12

Ransome, Arthur. *Swallows and Amazons*.

The four Walker children are having a great summer vacation sailing and camping out on Wild Cat Island. Then along come the "Amazons" and the fun "battles" begin. Ages 9-11

Spedden, Daisy Corning Stone. *Polar the Titanic Bear*.

A stuffed bear tells of the travels he has with his boy including surviving the sinking of the Titanic. Ages 8-11

Van Allsburg, Chris. *Wreck of the Zephyr*.

A boy's desire to be the greatest sailor ever leads him to a magical place. Ages 5-9

Williams, Vera. *Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe*.

Paddle along with the family in the red canoe. Ages 5-8